

Welcome

To the first City of Seattle and King County joint effort celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. In May we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of immigrant, refugee, and American born Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Our theme “Thousands of Journeys: Building Community” commemorates the numerous journeys and struggles experienced by Asian and Pacific Islander communities. We hope to enlighten, heal, and build our community by celebrating our journeys collectively.

Awards – Uncle Bob Santos

Bob Santos is a savvy, likable, karaoke-singing award winning firebrand. He is affectionately referred to as “Uncle Bob” and the “Mayor of the International District”. For 30 years, he led the revitalization of Seattle’s International District-Chinatown: establishment of the International District Community Health Center, Denise Louie Childhood Education Center, Danny Woo Community Garden, International District Meal Voucher Program, Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority, construction of the Nihonmachi Terrace Family Housing Project, and Lao Highland Community Center. He has the distinction of serving as the U.S. Secretary’s Representative Department of Housing and Urban Development, Northwest/Alaska Region (1994-2001), managing the activities of 400 career staff in Washington, Oregon and Alaska and representing the Clinton Administration on issues dealing with housing and issues related to 200 HUD programs. For a complete bio, please visit: www.seattle.gov/asianpacificamericans , www.interimicda.org Please join us in honoring our first “Uncle Bob Santos Community Builder Award.”

Honors – Marilyn Laigo Senour

On Feb 6, 2006 we lost a dearly loved member of our community. **Marilyn Laigo Senour** will be deeply missed and her contributions and healing, supportive spirit will not be forgotten. Marilyn was a Deacon Candidate for the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, served on committees for racial understanding for the local diocese, and provided anti-racism/diversity trainings within her faith community. Marilyn’s community work also included: Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS), United Indians of All Tribes, Seattle Indian Services, North Seattle Youth Services, Filipino American Civic Employees of Seattle (FACES). Marilyn served 30+ years in public service with the City of Seattle, most recently at Seattle's Department of Transportation (SDOT); she also served on the city-wide Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) Core Team. Visit: www.seattle.gov/asianpacificamericans/MarilynSenour.htm to view a special poem and photos of Marilyn. **We miss you Marilyn.**

Program of Events

- 11:00

Light lunch and Viewing of Exhibit/Displays/Booths
- 11:30

Opening Remarks / Kickoff
- 11:35

Cultural Performances:
Siva Samoa Youth
- 11:50

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Northwest Taiko
- 12:00

Greetings from:
Mayor Greg Nickels
King County Executive Ron Sims
City Councilmember David Della
King County Councilmember Dow Constantine
- 12:15

Community Members Panel:

Dick Sugiyama - “Reclaiming Dignity:
The Japanese American Imprisonment
Experience”

Stella Chao - “Political Empowerment”

Dara Duong - “Healing from Within:
Embracing the Past and Building Pride”
- 12:45

FACES (Filipino-American Civic Employees of
Seattle) Award Presentation:
“Uncle Bob Santos Community Builder Award”
- 12:55

Tribute to Marilyn Laigo Senour:
Ticiang Diangson (RSJI Core Team)
Eileen Newell (FACES)
Paul Jackson (SDOT)
Mike Surel (RSJI Core Team)
- 1:10

Cultural Performances:
FACES Dance Troupe
- Closing Remarks, Viewing of Exhibit/Displays/Booths

Community Members Panel

Dick Sugiyama is a native of Seattle who became active in civil rights issues and community services in the early 1970's. Dick has been a "social service architect" for four different departments in the City of Seattle. He is currently the Program Director of the Seattle Human Services Department’s Case Management Program for seniors and persons with disabilities. www.densho.org , www.wingluke.org

Stella Chao is a native New Yorker. She is the director of the International District Housing Alliance (IDHA) since 1988 providing immigrants and other limited-English-speaking individuals with housing-related services in the International District, Yesler Terrace, Rainier Vista, High Point, and White Center. Her strengths are in community engagement, housing/human services and nature. www.apialliance.org

Dara Duong survived the Khmer Rouge from 1975 to 1979 while losing his father and four family members. He lived in refugee camps for 10 years and came to the US in 1999. With a passion that people never forget so that such atrocities never happen again, Dara founded the Cambodian Cultural Museum and Killing Fields Memorial in White Center. He was named Top 10 Contributor by the NW Asian Weekly. In 2005, the Museum received the Seattle Volunteer Award for Outstanding Commitment to Community Building. www.killingfieldsmuseum.com

Performers

Siva Samoan Youth: Fia Tuitele, Sailau Tuitele, Ramona Tautolo, Aveuma Tautolo, Flo Tautolo, Mallory Lemafa

Northwest Taiko: Karen Akada-Sakata, Charlotte Ohashi, Yukie Fujiwara, Dorothy Kaunisto

FACES Dance Troupe: Susan McClure and Pilar Nable, Violet and Vance Noriega, Fe Arreola and Fred Verzosa

Exhibit

“Renewal of America”
A 17 panel collection of photos and narratives, “Renewal of America” is a tribute to Asian Americans who had the courage to come to the United States to leave “back home” for a better life - be it for freedom from political and/or social oppression, freedom from the violence of war or for want of a better life, bringing with them their deep passion for freedom, democracy and equality. Exhibit courtesy of Wing Luke Asian Museum.

Exhibit on display thru May 31, 2006 , Seattle City Hall, 1st floor.

Display Booths

Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS)
China Education for Tomorrow
Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
Filipino-American Civic Employees of Seattle (FACES)
Filipino Community of Seattle (FCS)
Human Services Department (HSD)
Inter*Im Community Development Association
National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA)
Seattle Office for Civil Rights (SOCR)
Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)

Learn More

We encourage you to become better informed about Asian Pacific American people and issues in your community and to get involved:

View sources to **Asian American and Pacific Islander demographics, history, organizations, agencies, and news sources**, please visit: www.seattle.gov/asianpacificamericans

Seattle’s Race and Social Justice Initiative is a citywide effort to: create a community where residents and employees experience our cultural and ethnic diversity as an asset; eliminate institutional attitudes, practices, and policies that result in racial disproportionality; understand the challenges that cultural pluralism places on democracy and transform our civic and citizen engagement processes to address those challenges. Please visit: www.cityofseattle.net/mayor/issues/rsji



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Thousands of Journeys: Building Community

A special lunchtime event to acknowledge and celebrate the journeys, contributions, and struggles of immigrant, refugee, and American born Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

May 24, 2006
Seattle City Hall, Bertha Knight Landes Room, 600 4th Ave.

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